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SUBJ: CAMBODIAN SITREP

1. WHILE PHNOM PENH RETAINS ITS OUTWARD SERENITY UNDER SEASON'S FIRST RAINS, OVERALL SITUATION REMAINS FLUID TO SAY THE LEAST.
2. LON NOL GOVT REMAINS IN CONTROL OVER AREAS NOT OCCUPIED BY NVNA/VC AND RETAINS SUPPORT OF MILITARY, GOVT EMPLOYEES, STUDENTS AND INTELLECTUALS AND THE CITIES IN GENERAL. PEASANTRY IN COUNTRY CONTINUE PASSIVE ACCEPTANCE EXCEPT IN SOME NVNA/VC AREAS WHERE THERE ARE REPORTS OF SUPPORT FOR SIHANOUK AND ARMY OF CAMBODIANS. HOWEVER THERE HAVE AS YET BEEN NO RPT NO REPORTS OF CAMBODIANS IN COMBAT ON ENEMY SIDE.
3. WHILE GOC WORKING HARD AND IS CLEARLY OVERBURDENED, IT REGRETTABLE THAT EFFORT OF SENIOR OFFICIALS TOUR SAFE PROVINCES SEEMS HAVE DIED DOWN. PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS THESE AREAS APPARENTLY CONTINUING EFFORTS TO RALLY POPULATION AND TO EXPLAIN EVENTS TO RURAL CAMBODIANS.
4. MILITARY SITUATION HAS BEEN IMPROVED CERTAIN AREAS THANKS TO US/ARVN ACTIONS AND, IN VERY FEW CASES, THANKS TO FANK EFFORTS. ON THE WHOLE, FANK STATUS SHAKY AS IT COMMENCES NEEDED RE-ORGANIZATION, NEW RECRUITS BEGINNING TRAINING, SHORTAGES MATERIEL NOT RESOLVED, CAMBODIAN AIR FORCE ALMOST OUT OF ACTION DUE LACK MUNITIONS AND SPARE PARTS. FURTHERMORE, LACK OF TRANSPORTATION AND WIDE DISPERSION UNITS MAKE IT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE MEET NVNA/VC THREATS AS THEY APPEAR AT WIDELY DIVERGENT POINTS.
5. PLANS AND TACTICS NVNA/VC REMAIN KEY TO SITUATION. THERE SOME INDICATION THAT US/ARVN BLOWS IN SOUTH HAVE DISRUPTED PLANS THAT AREA FOR PERMANENT IMPLEMENTATION AND PERHAPS INSTALLATION FUNK. AS RESULT, LATEST ENEMY EFFORTS SEEM BE IN NORTHEAST WHERE FANK VERY WEAK AND COMMUNICATIONS POOR BUT WHERE CONSIDERABLE NVNA/VC FUNK ZONE COULD BE SET UP TOGETHER WITH SOUTHERN LAGS. CONTINUED WESTWARD MOVEMENT OF NVNA/VC WORRISOME TO GOC WHICH UNABLE MEET EVERY THREAT AND WHICH IN PHNOM PENH REGION FEARS ENCIRCLEMENTNIITY.
6. RECOGNITION OF SIHANOUK'S FUNK BY APPROXIMATELY 14 GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING CHINESE COMMUNIST, NORTH VIETNAM, NORTH KOREA, VC, UAR,

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CUBA AND YUGOSLAVIA WHICH HAVE CLOSED EMBASSIES HERE, HAS DISTURBED GOC, THOUGH LEADERS BEGINNING REALIZE UNIMPORTANCE MOST RECOGNITIONS SINCE VIRTUALLY ALL ARE POLITICAL ACTS AT CHICOM BIDDING. IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, WILL BE EFFORT BY FRIENDS TO DEMONSTRATE SUPPORT OF GOC BY NATIONS OF SEA.

7. YUGOSLAVIA HAS APPARENTLY BEEN UNABLE FIND PROTECTING POWER IN PHNOM PENH - EVEN FRANCE HAS REFUSED.

8. UAR SIMPLY CLOSING WITHOUT EFFORT FIND PROTECTING POWER SINCE OWNS NOTHING AND HAS NO INTERESTS CAMBODIA.

9. GOC HAS DECIDED ACCEPT SWISS GOOD OFFICES IN EFFECTING EXCHANGE OF CAMBODIAN DIPLOMATS PEKING FOR CHICOMS PHNOM PENH IF SWISS ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY. LATEST PLAN IS TO HAVE CHICOMS LEAVE PHNOM PENH FIRST ON UNDERSTANDING SWISS AMB PEKING WILL SEE ALL GOC EMBASSY PERSONNEL PEKING AND PYONGYANG (ALSO HELD PEKING) ON BOARD AIRCRAFT.

10. SOVIETS AND POLES CONTINUE ASSERT THEY WITHOUT INFO RE THEIR FUTURE.

11. EAST GERMANS REPORTED NERVOUS BUT ARE ALL STILL PRESENT IN PHNOM PENH.

12. MILITARY BRIEFER INDICATED MAY 16 THAT KOMPONG CHAM TOWN ATTACKED EARLY HOURS MAY 16. FIGHTING APPARENTLY STILL UNDERWAY. (EMBASSY INFORMED THAT 18 WESTERN JOURNALISTS, INCLUDING 6-8 US, WHO TRAVELED TO KOMPONG CHAM MID-MORNING MAY 16, TRAPPED IN TOWN BECAUSE ROAD CUT BY VC.) BRIEFER ALSO INDICATED TONLE BET FERRY ACROSS FROM KOMPONG CHAM UNDER ATTACK.

13. BRIEFER INDICATED VILLAGE OF TOEUM ROKAR, TAKEO PROVINCE, ATTACKED BY VC/NVA 5 AM MAY 16.

14. BRIEFER STATED STUNG TRENG TOWN, STUNG TRENG PROVINCE, CONTINUED UNDER PRESSURE WITH "SOME AREAS UNDER VC CONTROL. VC ATTACKING LOMPHAT, RATTANAKIRI PROVINCE FOR PAST SEVERAL DAYS HAVE WITHDRAWN.

15. SOME OBSERVERS IN PHNOM PENH STARTLED BY EARLY MORNING AFVN SAIGON AND VOA BROADCASTS WHICH REPORTED THAT ARVN FORCES

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"CLEARING" ROUTE 1 AND PRESENTLY LOCATED THREE MILES OUTSIDE PHNOM PENH. RECONNAISSANCE BY MISSION MEMBERS FAILED TO REVEAL ARVN COLUMN. TRAVELERS COMING INTO CAPITAL STATED ARVN STILL IN VICINITY OF MEKONG FERRY AND THAT SOME ENTERPRISING ARVN SOLDIERS IN VAY RIENG PROVINCE WERE RELIEVING REFUGEES OR VALUABLE.

16. GVN REFUGEE FLOTILLA RETURNED MAY 15 IN PREPARATION TRANSPORT OF ADDITION 7,400 REFUGEES TO RVN. GVN DEL IN PHNOM PENH INDICATES LOADING TO BE COMPLETED EARLY MAY 17. EMBASSY STAFF OBSERVED LARGE NUMBER VIETNAMESE SAILORS ON SHORELEAVE DOWNTOWN PHOM PENH. BEHAVIOR OF SAILORS APPEARED CORRECT. GROUPS OF SAILORS WANDERING ABOUT TOWN WERE OBJECTS OF CURIOSITY BY CITIZENRY.

17. RECENT VISITOR TO KOMPONG SOM AND KAMPOR REPORTS FORMER ALMOST WITHOUT ACTIVITY; FEW SHIPS CALLING AND ALL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AT HALT. IN KAMPOT, LARGE CHICOM BUILD CEMENT FACTORY CLOSED DUE DEPARTURE EXPERTS.

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18. AKP PUBLISHED TEXT OF LETTER FROM SIRIK MATAK ADDRESSED TO
MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT AND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DECLARING HE

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RELINQUISHING ROYAL TITLE PREFERRING TO BE KNOWN AS A CITIZEN
EQUAL TO HIS CAMBODIAN COMPATRIOTS.

19. IN ANOTHER LETTER, SIRIK MATAK REPLIED TO REQUEST FROM
FRENCH CITIZENS AND GAVE APPROVAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF ORGANIZATION
TO BE CALLED "ASSOCIATION OF FRENCH FRIENDS OF CAMBODIA".

20. TEXT OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS PASSED DURING
EXTRAORDINARY SESSION MAY 9 (PHNOM PENH 846) NOW AVAILABLE. IN
ADDITION TO DECLARATIONS REPORTED, ASSEMBLY PAID RESPECTS TO
PRESIDENT NIXON FOR HIS UNDERSTANDING OF SITUATION AND EXPRESSED
SINCERE GRATITUDE FOR HIS "JUST AND COURAGEOUS DECISION..."
ASSEMBLY CONSIDERED IT PROPER TO MAKE AN APPEAL TO THE "GREAT
AMERICAN NATION, RESPECTOR OF HUMAN RIGHTS, TO ITS CONGRESS, TO
ITS PEOPLE AND TO ITS YOUTH TO SUPPORT ALL MEASURES AIMED AT RE-
ESTABLISHING PEACE, SECURITY AND LIBERTY IN THIS AREA OF THE WORLD."
FINAL CLAUSE OF DECLARATION CALLED ON ALL PARLIAMENTS OF WORLD TO USE
THEIR INFLUENCE WITH RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS TO BRING ABOUT
IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF VC/NVNA FROM CAMBODIAN TERRITORY TO
PERMIT COUNTRY TO BE TRULY NEUTRAL.

21. AKP PUBLISHES TEXT OF DECLARATION BY CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF
"NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT OF CAMBODIA." DECLARATION STATES THAT
CENTRAL COMMITTEE SUPPORTS NATIONAL SALVATION GOVERNMENT, DISSOLVES
NLF OF CAMBODIA, PLACES AT GOVERNMENT'S DISPOSITION ITS ARMS,
MUNITIONS AND MATERIAL OF WAR AND CALLS ON GOVERNMENT TO ESTABLISH
REPUBLIC WITHOUT DELAY. DECLARATION STATES THAT WITH DISMISSAL OF
SIHANOUK, NLF OF CAMBODIA'S GOALS HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED. COMMENT: EMBASSY
EMBASSY
WAS NOT AWARE THAT SUCH A CENTRAL COMMITTEE EXISTED. THE DECLARATION
IS NOT SIGNED BY ANY INDIVIDUALS.

22. AMONG ACTIONS TAKEN YESTERDAY AT WEEKLY CABINET MEETING WERE
FOLLOWING:

- A. CIVIL SERVANTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THEIR STUDIES ABROAD ARE
TO BE RECALLED IMMEDIATELY.
- B. THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET COMPLETED THEIR STUDIES ARE AUTHORIZED
TO REMAIN ABROAD UNTIL END OF 70.
- C. LY CHIN SIN WAS NAMED COMMISSIONER GENERAL FOR CAMBODIA
AT EXPO-70.

22. AKP PUBLISHED SHORT AFP ARTICLE ON DUAKARTA CONFERENCE WHICH

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OUTLINES GENERAL THEMES WHICH CONFERENCE WILL FOLLOW. ACCORDING TO AFP THESE WILL BE NEUTRALITY, INDEPENDENCE AND INTEGRITY OF CAMBODIA, REACTIVATION OF ICCWQ AND WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

23° FONOFF HAS SENT THREE CIRCULAR NOTES TO DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR MISSIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS REPORTING VC/NVNA ATTACKS. POUCHING TEXTS.

24° IN VIEW OF DJAKARTA MEETING, EMBASSY HAS ADDED NUMBER OF INFO ADDEES TO DAILY SITREP. IF ANY DOES NOT WISH TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE IT, PLEASE ADVISE. GP-4.
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